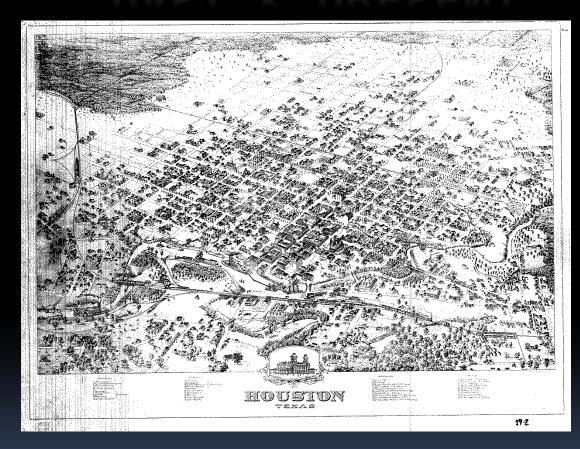
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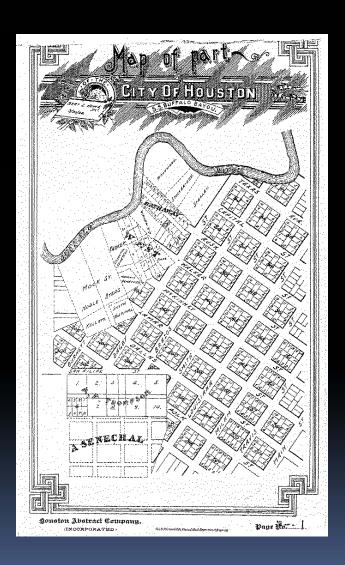
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### TOPICS THAT WILL BE COVERED

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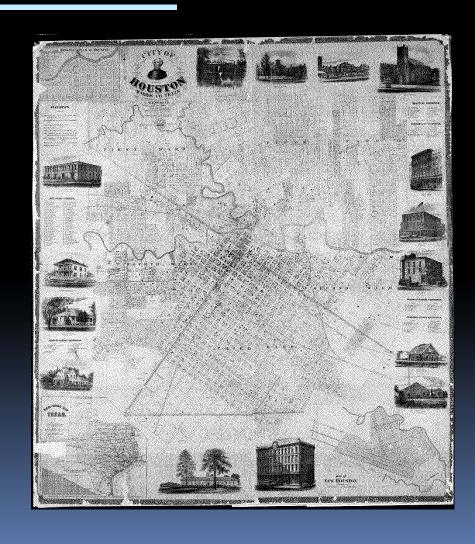
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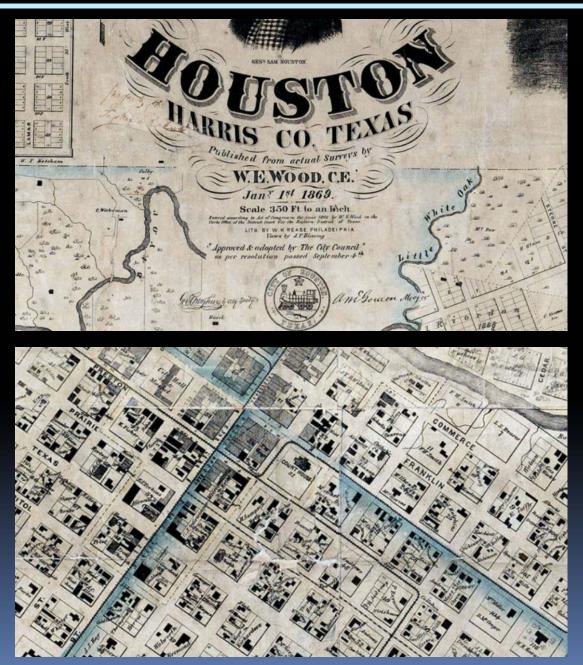


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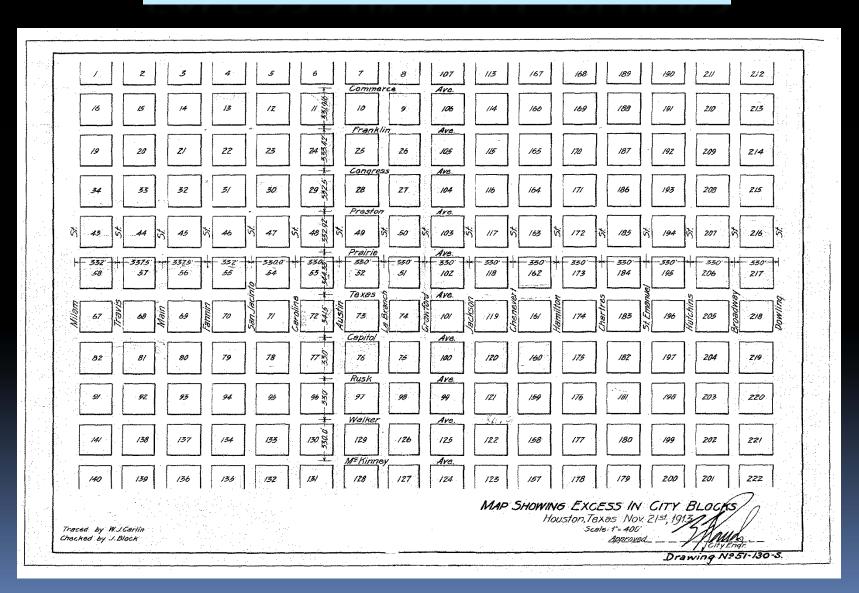
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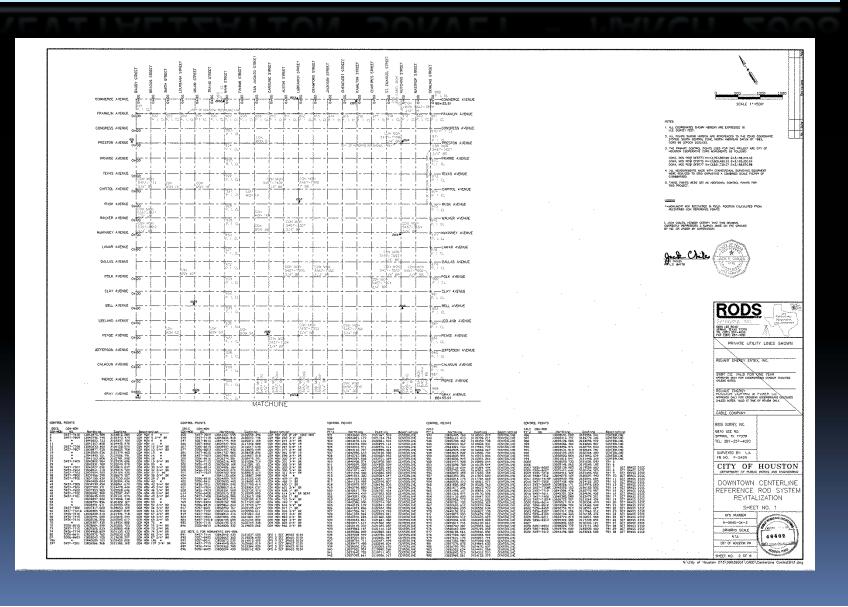
## WOODS PLAT DATED JANUARY 1ST 1869



# NOV. 21<sup>ST</sup> 1913 MAP SHOWING EXCESS IN CITY BLOCKS



# <u>CENTERLINE REFERENCE ROD SYSTEM</u> REVITALIZATION SURVEY - MARCH 2008



#### W.E. WOODS MAP STILL RECOGNIZED

#### 1904 Code Of Ordinances

Art. 171. Original Surveys Recognized—The original plan and survey, known and designated as the A. C. & J. K. Allen survey, as far as marked by actual measurements, and so far as revised, re-established and determined by the surveys of W. H. Griffin, C. E., under and by resolutions of the City Council of the City of Houston, shall be and is hereby affirmed and established as the true city survey of the City of Houston. (See report in Appendix.—Codifiers.) The theory and survey and plat, as marked on W. E. Woods' map, as to the dimensions of lots and blocks, and widths of streets, is also confirmed in each and every particular.

#### **Current Code Of Ordinances**

#### Sec. 33-71. City surveys confirmed.

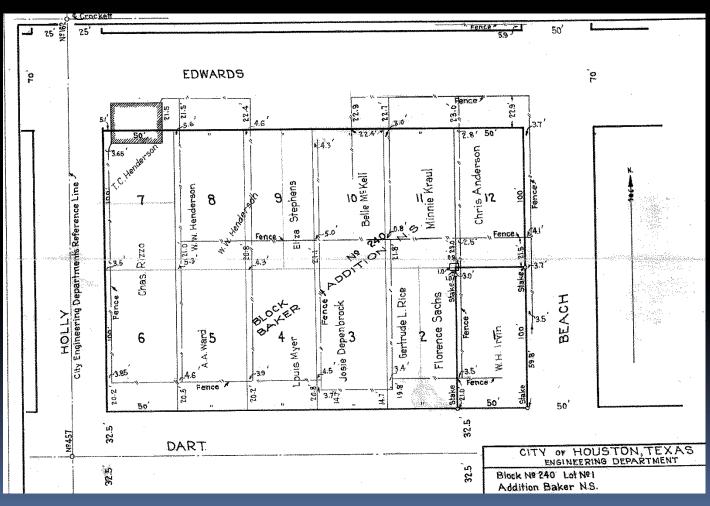
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(Code 1968, § 2-4; Ord. No. 91-63, § 5, 1-9-91)

### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO YOU?

- All Surveyors locating boundaries within the areas shown on the W.E. Woods map must reference our Centerline Reference Monuments.
- It is strongly recommended that Surveyors performing work within the city check with our office for Centerline Reference Monuments outside the limits of the W.E. Woods Map.

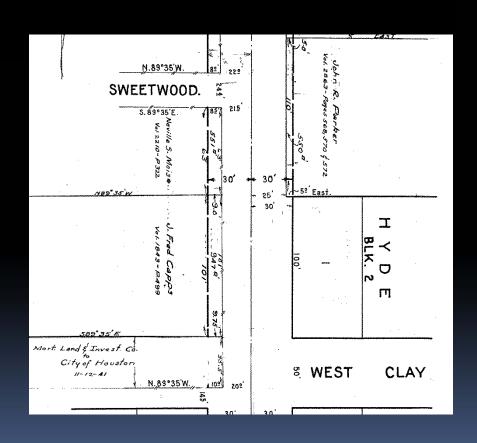
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### AVAILABLE COH SURVEY RECORDS

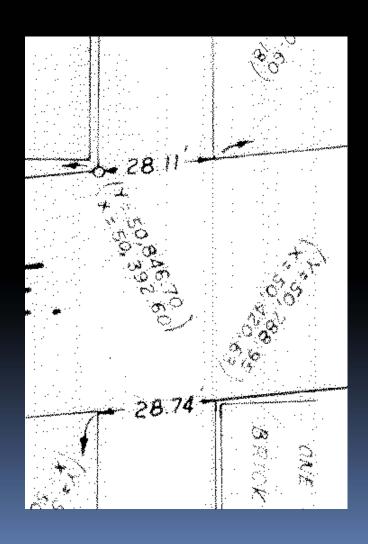
The Survey Section has a wealth of information available to the public.

- Right of Way Maps
- Reference Rod Recovery sketches
- Site Monument Data
- Original Field Books
- Historic Surveys



### AVAILABLE COH SURVEY RECORDS





### ACCESS TO COH SURVEY RECORDS

- WEB SITES
  - http://www.gims.houstontx.gov/PortalWS/MainPortal.aspx
  - http://edocs.publicworks.houstontx.gov/divisionfiles/engineering-and-construction-division.html
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Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to make this presentation. Should you have questions about the information presented, contact

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